

Christology

Lesson 3

Study Notes

Reasons for the Incarnation

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Introduction: In this lesson we are going to examine some biblical reasons as to why the Lord Jesus Christ; Emmanuel God with us, came into this world by way of a virgin's womb. We know that God is a god of design and order; for everything He does has a divine purpose. The Incarnation of Christ is a display of God's plan coming into being at the appointed time.

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fulness (completion) of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Again, God never does anything without a good reason and purpose for doing so; let us be thankful that God sent His Son for our redemption.

I. Reasons for the Incarnation.

A. To Reveal to us the _____.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 14:8-10 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Heb 1:1-3 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

The truth is that God so loved this world he needed to get His message across to us, and He does so through veil of flesh in His Son Jesus Christ.

B. To Fulfill _____.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Simeon will recognize that God was fulfilling His promise.

Luke 2:29=31 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

C. To Guarantee the _____ Covenant.

God makes a promise to David

2Samuel 7:12-17 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

God keeps His promise to David.

Luke 1:31-33 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

D. To Make a _____

He would give His life a ransom.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

He would _____ for every man.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

He would take away our sins.

1John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

E. To _____ Man Back to God.

2Corinthians 5:17-19 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Col 1:20-21 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Remember we needed to be reconciled to God; God needed not to be reconciled to us.

F. To Provide an _____ for _____.

Christ is the Savior to the Sinner, and He is the example to the believer.

1Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

G. To Become the believers _____.

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved (obligated) him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Because of His humanity He understands our feelings. The Levitical priest was " _____ " of infirmity. Christ only " _____ " infirmity.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

H. To Destroy the _____ and His _____.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

1John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

God cannot allow the devil to have an ultimate victory; or else God would have to admit defeat, which we know cannot ever happen.

I. To Remove the _____ of Death.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Historically there were two Kings who were wicked rulers and God would pronounce judgment upon them. They are Jehoiakim, and his son Jehoiachin. Their physical seed would never prosper upon the throne of David.

Jeremiah 22:30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Jeremiah 36:30 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

Jesus would escape that judgment by being _____.

J. To Heal Our _____ and Set a Liberty the Bruised.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, (crushed).

K. To Proclaim the _____ of the Lord.

Luke 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The term "acceptable year" does not refer to a _____ year, but refers to the era of salvation by grace.

L. To Give Us Life and Abundant Life.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

The word "abundantly" means: superabundant in _____; superior in _____.

M. To Glorify the _____.

Judas having received the sop went into the night to betray the Lord; but Jesus said that now He would glorify His Father.

John 13:31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

Joh 17:4-5 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Conclusion: Everything about the Incarnation was to the glory of God and the grace that would come to deliver us from our sins. Our goodwill comes because He came by way of a virgin's womb.

Luke 2:12-14 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.